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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Andreas Krüger et al
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For: OPERABLE DEVICE
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Examiner: Brandon J. Miller

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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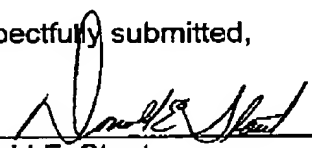
Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing of a response within the first month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the Final Rejection mailed on August 21, 2003.

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (1117.40456X00).

Respectfully submitted,



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